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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: MEDICAL PROBLEM

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1. BANGKOK POST OF 23 SEPTEMBER CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "NAN REFUGEE CAMP HIT BY TYPHOID EPIDEMIC." REPORT TO THE PRESS WAS MADE BY DEPUTY MINISTER IN MOI. ICEM, OF COURSE, WAS RATHER DISTURBED BY THE PUBLICITY AND CONTACTED MOI TO SEE IF ANY CHANGES HAD OCCURRED SINCE OUR INITIAL REPORT, REF A, AS THIS COULD AFFECT ICEM MOVEMENT MENTIONED REF B. (NOTE: CAMP-BANGKOK MOVEMENT WAS DELAYED UNTIL 29 SEPTEMBER).

2. FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RECEIVED 28 SEPTEMBER FROM KHUN DAMRONG, DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY FOR MOI: QUOTE: DEAR MR. CORCOS, REFERRING TO THE "BANGKOK POST" OF 23 SEPTEMBER 1976 CARRIED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED " NAN REFUGEE CAMP HIT BY TYPHOID EPIDEMIC." WE BELIEVE THE POST REPORTERS MAY HAVE USED LANGUAGE A BIT TOO STRONG IN THEIR REPORT. CERTAINLY THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK OF TYPHOID DURING AUGUST, BUT, BY NO MEANS, COULD IT BE TERMED AN EPIDEMIC. IT WAS SWIFTLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE PROVINCIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE VOLUNTARY MEDICAL TEAM. ALL REFUGEES HAVE BEEN
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INNOCULATED AND NO NEW CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. IT WOULD

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APPEAR THAT THE SITUATION IS BACK TO NORMAL AND MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM THE CAMP TO THE BANGKOK TRANSIT CENTRE CAN PROCEED AS NORMAL.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MY OFFICE. UNQUOTE.

3. ON THE BASIS OF THIS NOTE, WE BELIEVE THE RISK OF TYPHOID IS LOW AND WE STILL PLAN TO SCHEDULE THE PUA GROUP OF REFUGEES OUT STARTING 15 OCTOBER. BY THIS TIME THEY WILL HAVE BEEN IN BANGKOK FOR A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN DAYS UNDER OBSERVATION BY ICEM DOCTOR. BULK OF REFUGEES WILL MOVE AFTER 20 OCTOBER AND AFTER THREE WEEKS OBSERVATION.
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